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Mr. Terreni,

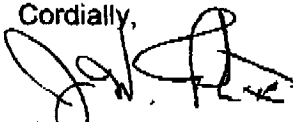
Please accept these comments regarding net metering in South Carolina. It is my understanding that the state Public Service Commission, as required by the federal 2005 Energy Policy Act, is beginning to consider this innovative energy solution for the state. Currently, South Carolina is one of only ten states that do not complete some type of net metering. Traditionally, state government, as a reflection of the citizens it serves, is very resistant to change. Energy policy is an area where government should not and can not be slow to accept new methods and ideas.

Net metering will allow the citizens of South Carolina to create their energy and use only from the public grid when necessary. Individuals will be able to quickly and efficiently minimize their individual imprints on the current energy system. Additionally, net metering gives energy companies such as Duke Energy and SCE&G the flexibility to meet demand during peak usage times such as hot summer days. For these reasons, net metering is a win/win situation for individual citizens, small businesses, and large energy corporations.

The most significant positive would be to our environment. Any alternative energy method that encourages people to conserve energy and save money concurrently is a must. Our society faces significant energy challenges in the years to come. Net metering is a non-controversial, quid pro quo method to make a positive impact. I strongly encourage the Public Service Commission to create opportunities for the citizens of South Carolina to participate in a net metering system that positively impacts individual budgets, does little harm to the energy companies, and most importantly, positively impacts the beautiful environment we call home.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Cordially,


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